

THE MAIL

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REINFORCEMENT.

If there is any one department of the public service at Ottawa more than another that requires reinforcing it is the Civil Service. We do not believe in the American system of wholesale dismissals and wholesale engagements at every change of government, as that system but too often places partisans and men who believe in "making hay while the sun shines" anticipating "clearly weather" every election into office. Unquestionably it tends to official peculation and corruption. Our present reference is more particularly directed to the scale of payments. The present payments are not at all on the basis of work to be done and competency of the employees, it is more on consideration of the services done by the party before the present government. In the first place superannuations should be cut off at once, except in cases where servants suffer physical or mental injury in the service of the country. Such instances should be taken up as special cases and the general system dispensed with at once, giving all present men the benefit of all pay points they have made into the superannuation fund. Had the original idea of Sir Francis Hincks—the appointment of one young man because of their special fitness for the work—been carried out, the system would not of late years have been as badly abused as it has been; but as things go there appears to be no help for it now. As men for all time in the future will be appointed because of the services they have done for the party, there is no cure for it, but cut off superannuations at once and forever.

Paymaster's too must be discontinued, a system inaugurated on the basis of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. No man having a fair English education should be expected to take an office where his whole time is to be occupied for less than \$1,000 a year; after that the salaries should be regulated according to the responsibilities of the office and the weight of the work to be done paying no one over \$2,000 a year except a specialist for special work. The best of good men can be got for that money, and no higher wages should be paid, taking always the precaution to put duties where amalgamations can take place without injury to the public service. For instance in some of instances the excise and customs offices, as in Brandon, might be amalgamated to excellent advantage to the country. If instead of paying \$3,000 to three officials, as is the case in this city \$2,000 was paid to one man compelling him to pay his own assistant when he required one, the work would be just as well done, and \$1,000 a year could be saved to the country. Take out P.M. draws \$3,000 and all the better, which cannot be short of another \$1,000 or say \$4,500 a year. He pays his help with \$1,500 and pockets a cool \$3,000 for what does not average three hours work a day. Why should the public be taxed this way that pays away just thereby?

To the Winnipeg post office again and see the last master drawing \$2,400 a year, a driver drawing \$1,000, and five of the chief clerks drawing upwards of \$1,200. Even if there is not a clerk too many in the office, say 25, 300 a year will be saved in excessive salaries paid to the salaries of the higher officials in the postal service are out of all proportion to the work to be done, and certainly are out of all proportion to the salaries of the officials in the postal service. For instance for rent and all services Mr. Walker, at Alexander, gets \$1,000 a year, and he is up till 11 P.M. at night and meets the train again at 8 A.M. in the morning. Mr. How, at Chatham, gets \$1,000 a year, and he has no business at the office, but the salary of \$900 and the P.M. at Roseland the gratifying amount of \$1,000.

Generally speaking the government wastes its payments on the amount of stamps sold at the offices instead of the time spent in the service by the officials. Now all such offices as Chatham, Douglass, Brandon, there has to be an official bound in waiting from early in the morning until after the train goes out at night, as assiduously as if four times the business was done. If there is no business at these offices it is put the fault of the officials in waiting, and their time should not be considered as the less valuable on that account. As we have said the whole system requires reorganizing and adjusting in the interest of the officials as well as that of the public.

TRADE MATTERS.

The Montreal Star says: "It is whispered that Laurier has decided that the first session of the new parliament shall be about fifteen days' duration, and be held for little more than a week. The new government will not abstain from making any tariff changes during the coming session on the ground that it is desirable that Washington should first show its hand on the tariff question. Unfortunately for Canada the uncertainty as to coming tariff changes will be only a degree less injurious to business generally than a revenue tariff, such as devastated the United States. Tariff amendments may involve the destruction of some of the Canadian industries. The uncertainty as to Laurier's intentions means the practical paralysis of all Canadian industries because no manufacturer will go on working in the dark. A long period of uncertainty means slower ruin, if you like it better but it ultimately means bankruptcy to the Canadian manufacturer and starvation to the Canadian workman."

While it is highly desirable that an equitable reciprocity treaty should be negotiated with the United States, it must not be understood that the refusal of the United States to negotiate such should stand in the way of the Canadians doing the best they can for themselves. England is the great consumer of Canada's surplus products, and the unqualified desire of the Canadians should be to secure better trade relations with her. If we want the mother country to buy more extensively from us let us endeavor to reciprocate.

As a matter of fact our manufacturers before being subjected to heavy outside competition by the reduction of duties should have free raw materials, and with these duty free, if they cannot stand competition on a low rate of duty it is better to let them go. It is nice to see tall chimneys, but if we can only retain them by paying 25 to 30 per cent more for our manufactures than we ought to pay, whether of Canadian or American make, it will be money in our pockets to let them fall. In 1878, the contention of the fathers of the N.P. was that high protection need not be continued long, and many a Canadian opposed to protection on principle was willing to pocket his principle for a time if that would secure the self-sustaining industries. Such of our people are, however, not to blame if they refuse to submit to the bleeding process forever.

No one acquainted with such intricate subjects as tariff revision believes any government can strike the proper revenue raising rate with one trial, as the volume of importation on reduced rates cannot be gauged. Some duties are now next to prohibitory and cutting them in two might bring in four times the revenue now collected on the same goods, while other import duties under similar reduction of rates might not be materially increased.

There is one thing, however, to be said—that heavy tariff reduction, as made in manufactures as well as raw materials, and if Mr. Laurier wants to show the country he is a man of action as well as words, he must apply himself to the task at once. In opposition to his friends he declares for sweeping tariff reductions, and now the people are not prepared to hear with disappointment. If he listens to the importunities of the manufacturers instead of the entreaties of the consumers he will go the way of his predecessors without delay.

Quebec, July 3.—(Quotidian, a journal of Levis, says this is the plan by which Laurier will settle the Manitoba question. "As soon as he cabinet has been formed it will submit a report to the nation and ask that a papal nuncio be sent to Canada. This papal nuncio will form part of the commission of enquiry composed of Laurier, Stovett, and Greenway. In this way all business will be represented. The enquiry will be held at Winnipeg and when completed the commissioners will submit their conclusions in the form of a report and prepare a remedial bill which will be passed by parliament. In this fashion Laurier hopes to settle every one and settle the question within six months as promised."

In the first place the people of Manitoba want to know what either the Vatican or a papal nuncio has to do with the affairs of this province. The constitution permits the Federal government to look into the school question of this province, and "grant such measure of relief as to them seems requisite" and that is the end of it. If the agitators of Quebec keep on they will find a complete combination of all the Protestant elements of Canada against them. In fact there are indications that this is what things are coming to, and the sooner they come to it the better. It is not enough for the priests and bishops of Quebec to control things with a high hand there; they want to control them here also, and the people will only be a lot of clumps if they allow them to do it.

It would not be surprising if through the bungling of the leaders of both the old parties an attempt was made to saddle Manitoba with coercive legislation, though we fully believe the rank and file of the people will resist it to the bitter end. In the first place that old fossil Bonnell without ever giving the question proper consideration in the hearing of his friends committed them to it, and Tupper was compelled to accept the situation as he found it and continue the commitment. To do equally well and appease his French following Laurier pledged himself to the same legislation, though perhaps on less objectionable lines. We are, however,

given to the belief Laurier has no majority in the House now to venture on such legislation. Some of the eastern people will say that if Manitoba wants immunity from separate schools she showed her desires very badly in the last election; but the results are really no criterion. The masses saw both old leaders committed to remedial legislation, and therefore no choice, on that score. In this division, however, when the one candidate was known to be subject to no separate school leader his majority bears its own significance. What turn things may yet take, it is hard to predict but we mistake the temper of the rank and file of the Manitoban people, if they will submit to separate schools from any quarter.

Before it is known whether Mr. McCarthy will resign this seat, speculation is rife as to the future representation of this division. Some have it that Mr. Sifton will seek election as Minister of the Interior and others that Joe Martin will seek the nomination with the same portfolio. All of these busybodies would however do well to be quiet a while. It is the independent, no party man who rule this constituency, and they are the ones to be reckoned with before candidates endeavor to put the electors in their pockets. These independent men is the last contest borrowed a man because they desired the best, in a loan, they could get. They are not going, however, to borrow a man of Mr. Martin's third rate ability—neither are they going to accept an out and out party man of either side. They want a man committed to lower tariffs and immunity from separate schools—in other respects to accept measures not in party. It is our belief the constituency will have a representative of this character and no other.

The Eastern papers are at a loss to understand "How Manitoba went as it did in the late elections, in view of the fact that it is the most interested province in the school matter. The circumstance is easily understood. With quite half of Provencher French Roman Catholics, no one could expect to see La Riviere beaten in that constituency. With 10 per cent of the vote of Winnipeg Roman Catholic, Joe Martin anything but a popular man personally, and his opponent one of the most popular men in the country and a portfolio in his hands, different results could not well have been looked for, and with these candidates in McDonald and Macquette and both of the parliamentary leaders, Laurier and Tupper, pledged to separate schools, scarcely the loss of a paper between the two, it is only a wonder the province went as much into Tupper as it did.

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LOCAL NEWS.

To-day last Friday, and all is well.

Mrs. Boisseau has gone on a long eastern visit.

Miss McKinley, of the Post office, has gone holidaying to Virden.

Who was it got the blow from a pot stick on the side of the neck.

Mr. J. Whyte, Rapid City, is in attendance at the exams. here.

The Rapid City mill is cutting one million feet of lumber this season.

The Hayfield foot-ball club have won the Graham medal in the late contests.

The Methodist Sunday School hold their picnic at Portage la Prairie on the 21st.

On account of the closeness of the parties in the House, Deputies and reporters are general.

The annual fair will be held in Winnipeg this year from the 20th to the 25th of July.

The population of Melita is 321, Pilot Mound 500, Manitow 415, Boisseau 713, Garden 1,300.

Mrs. Giffie entertained the members of her Sunday school class in St. Matthew's on Thursday afternoon last.

Mr. and Mrs. Brayfield entertained the Sunday school of St. Matthew's at their residence one evening last week.

The ex-cise collections made by R. J. Gidley some collector, at this point for the year ending 30th of June were \$18,900.

Mr. A. McLean, of Knox College, Toronto, has the Rev. Mr. Henry's pulpit for while Mr. Henry is off holidaying.

A. M. Patton, of the Trust and Loan Co. of Canada has spent some days in the city and vicinity looking after the company's interests.

Hanlon beat Hackett, the Rat Portage oarsman, at Rat Portage, on the 1st and won \$500. He made the three miles in 29 minutes and 45 seconds.

Mr. Golding on 17th street, sells white city prizes for himself on having new potatoes for sale. On Sunday the 25th of June. What northern country can beat this?

Dr. Macdonald is the attending physician and Messrs. S. A. Bedford and B. Trotter are the visiting directors to the Brandon General Hospital for the month of July.

The Rev. Mr. Watt, the new pastor of the Congregational church, preached his first sermon on Sunday and was given a popular reception in the church on Tuesday evening.

A farmers' convention from near Toronto visited Manitoba last week. Most of the incomes are well to do farmers, and they have decided to take up their abodes in this province.

The Queen vs. McCullen, the Minnesota arson case comes up before Judge Cumberland on the 18th. R. M. Matheson prosecuting, and Mr. Myers, of Minnesota, defending the accused.

As there is likely to be a scarcity of similar twine this season, farmers should see to it that they have their purchases made. Brown and Mitchell are offering great inducements to early purchasers.

There are great fish stories now afloat. Sam Bower pulled up a muscalonge or bel and he cannot say which on Dominion day that weighed as the story goes 45 lbs. more or less. 'Twas a whooper in imagination.

T. L. Beavans is in town introducing Teichman's compressed yeast, a product that is commanding much attention where it has been used. It is said to have many merits over productions for the same purpose.

The public will regret to hear of the drowning of John Reynolds, a respectable young man about 21 years of age, son of Mr. Reynolds, of Nesbit, on the 17th inst. of the Wisconsin last week. The particulars of the accident we have been unable to learn.

Report has it that Mr. J. A. Smart is to be the new post master at this point. We believe the selection would give general satisfaction. We hope, however, when the change is made the salary will not be over \$1,500, and that the excess of the present p.m. will be distributed among the surrounding country post masters, so as to even up a little.

Robert Rogers is said to be very ill at a fever at his home at Clearwater.

Messrs. S. Hunter and N. McKelvie, of Rapid City, were in town last week.

The Mission band of the Baptist church had a picnic at Patmore's grove Friday last.

Mr. Thos. Morrill is now travelling for McLeod & Hanley implement dealers, this city.

Miss Mabel Whyte, of Rapid City, is spending a few days with her sister Lottie in the city.

If you want the best bargains in wall paper in the country, call at once at 415-5-5.

Mrs. A. B. Wood and family have given a holiday trip to Bowmanville and other east end points.

Messrs. Johnston & Co. are erecting another story to their premises to accommodate their large stock.

Mr. H. Hall has taken the services in the Methodist church during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Gaetz.

Geo. Andrew got a finger badly hurt in the elevator at Chater last week. He is not laid up by the accident, however.

Mr. Sanderford an English gentleman has purchased the dairy business of Kentrow and Jory, and united them having now 45 cows.

Mr. Ferris and Lindsay have removed their office into the old Bower Block again, which is now fitted up in fine shape—better than ever.

Laurier has but about \$5 of a majority in Saskatchewan. We'll bet he would have had more than that had he been there himself with his musket.

Philosopher Mills has at length learned that "max" does not always mean SHALL. For instance on the morning of polling day the electors said he may get elected, but during the day they decided he shall not be elected.

A man giving the name of Smith stole the teeth out of a hay rake on the old Kettle-side farm last week, and secreted them in an old building near the court house. Detective Foster frightened him so badly he gave up the teeth and slid out.

Mesdames W. A. Macdonald and Judge Cumberland will give a tennis tournament Saturday afternoon at the club house. Each will be the first of the season. The courts are to be thrown open to the ladies every day of the week the remainder of the season.

On Saturday last Robert Campbell who lived near Beresford attempted to ford the river some 8 miles from Souris, and he and the team were drowned. At writing (Monday) the horses had been recovered but there was no trace of the unfortunate man.

The engineer at the Assiniboine Lumber Co's mill got his feet scalded on Friday morning, by a flow of hot water attracted to the burning of the feed which was brought to the boiler. There is nothing serious, however, as he resumed duty again in a few hours after the accident.

A concert under the auspices of the Brandon Hospital Aid Society will be held in the city hall on the evening of July 16th. The following talent has been engaged for the occasion: Miss Anderson, contralto soloist; Mr. Jackson Hanby, tenor; Miss Cross, pianist; Mr. Hennegge's string quartette; Mr. Paul Hennegge, flute soloist, and Mr. Scott, violinist.

The Brandon City Agricultural show is to be held here on the 28th and 29th of this month promises to be the best exhibition ever held in the west. The agricultural and stock departments are attracting inducements to exhibitors of every conceivable class. In addition there will be many special attractions that ought to bring a large crowd from every quarter.

Alexander, Kelly and Co's mill had close call on Saturday. The oil shed caught fire about midday, and was soon enveloped. The firemen were on the spot and got the fire under control, but the flames before they made any headway. The certainty is and we no efficient fire brigade the mill would have gone again. No one knows how the fire originated.

It is surprising that notwithstanding all the advertising of frauds and fakirs attending circuses and "shows" in general, there are people who will still be gulled. We have heard of parties who lost over \$500 at a "show" by the "short" drawing of rackets and as a rule in nine cases out of ten if warrants were issued the losers would be unable to identify their men. Why will people not keep their own hands on their wallets on all such days?

Some of the Liberal papers are soundly abusing Tupper because he does not resign at once. This is very unfair. The government had never early resigned, and so far have had about 10 days to close it in. Mackenzie took months after his defeat to close his unfinished business. Besides all this the parties are close in the late elections, and recounts are making changes favorable to Tupper.

During a Dominion Day picnic at Oak Lake an unfortunate accident occurred, which resulted fatally to a little five-year-old girl, being run over by a team of oxen in the neighborhood. A horse being driven along the grounds knocked the little thing over. When taken up it was insensible, and only lived a short time after being removed to the office of Dr. Wright. Later accounts say the child was not killed, and that she is recovering.

Messrs. Trotter & Trotter have just received another carload of fine horses from Saseforth, Ont. Never in the history of Brandon have horses been offered so cheap as at the present; but horses are advancing rapidly in price in the East, and very soon the farmers of this country will have to pay high prices for the same. Now is the time to secure a good pair of blood mares. Among this shipment are teams weighing 3,000 lbs., and can be purchased for \$250 per team.

Cartwright made the lockjaw during the late campaign.

A large number of pupils are writing at the exams in the city this week.

The Earle of Brandon has been fined for keeping his cattle pound in a bad condition.

The Landers defeated the Yale crew at Henley-on-Thames on Tuesday by 14 lengths.

By the way, Robinson, what has become of that helm? That's what the people want to know.

Mr. Charlie Brown left the city on Tuesday to return to Chicago to take the winter's course in dentistry.

Miss Hodsick, sister-in-law of Mr. Osborne, of the Sun, who was reported seriously ill is again recovering.

Now that Sir Charles got kicked, it will be in order for him to demand remedial legislation for his eyes "16".

It is reported the Grits of Quebec in many constituencies bought votes on election day with bogus Confederate bills. Served the dupes right.

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The Organism of Elton held an arrangement at Elton L. O. Lodge on Monday, while a western demonstration of large proportions is to come off at Souris the same day.

Laurier is still cabinet making. Rumor has the names of J. Martin and Clifford Sifton, associated with the department of the Interior, if the lucky man can find a seat.

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The recent in Marquette has reduced Dr. Roche's majority to 67, and leaves the parties in the House 87 Conservatives, 116 Liberals and 10 Independents, or gives the government a majority of about 22 when the Independents are properly located.

An attempt at suicide was made by A. H. Shimmerton, lately of Hild River, as a result of the Atlantic Express the other day. He cut his throat badly, but was stopped in time to save his life. He was taken off the train at St. Appelle, and committed for trial.

A youth named Albert Reid, who sends cattle north of the city, makes a grievous complaint to the chief. Some days ago he traded horses giving a couple of dollars "to boot", and a day or two after his new horse was stolen. He was unable to locate the thief, and in quod for a \$5 bill.

The markets are very well attended. These times, sellers and buyers coming out in large numbers. Though the prices are not high to the farmers still the established market enables them to get a little ready cash for products under other circumstances they would have to barter off at the stores.

Bonds Bros.' circus is not at all up to the mark. The showmen, who say they do not own one-third of the animals they picture. The bare-back riding was not good, some of the trapeze and other acrobatic performers were the best that ever visited this country. That knife-throwing performance is barbarous and ought to be prohibited by ordinance. The skill of a performer could be shown just as well without involving a human life.

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ERTHS.

WEDNESDAY—At Roundhead on Saturday the 4th inst.; the wife of Chas. Newton of a son.

City Council.

The regular meeting of the council met in the council chamber, city hall, on the evening of July 6th. Present: Mayor and Aldermen, Kelly, Caldwell, Halpin, Christie, McElvride and Fleming.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Thos. Chambers asking for \$300 to pay him for work on the concrete sidewalk in front of Miller block if he can be paid for the same.

Read and confirmed the remaining part of sidewalk which has remained undone for the last three years.—Board of Motions.

From Knight & Farrar that the city extend sidewalk in front of their store to the width of 8 feet instead of 4 feet at present.—Board of Works.

From H. G. Dickson the cost of extending water pipe on main street from 18th to 21st street, the same costing \$100.—Water Works and Sewers Com.

From the manager for Bond Bros. asking whether the circus license is too high.—Filed.

From Henderson & Matheson, complaining of the state of the premises of Greenwell & Co. and that the city should take the same away from them.—Water Works and Sewers Com.

From R. E. Leech, Sec. Treas. of the Farmers Institute asking the council to grant a half holiday on the afternoon of Thursday, July 16th. It being the occasion of the farmers' picnic.—Board of Motions.

From J. S. Brayfield asking council to refund half of his auctioneer license as he is retiring from the business.—Finance Com.

From Jas. A. Smart protesting against the sale of the city land on the ground that the sum is more than the city can afford and that there is no guarantee as to the length of time the land may exist.—Filed.

From Henry Sampson complaining of the state of Princess Ave. between 18th and 22nd streets and that the city grade the same.—Board of Works.

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From John Ryan, Winnipeg. re the crooken mill bonus that the offer of the city is not of sufficient guarantee and the refusal of the two acres of land with which to erect the mill on—Finance Com.

From Mrs. J. S. Cameron re the dislocation of her shoulder on a neglected sidewalk some three months ago and would be willing to meet the council at any stated time and confer in the matter.—Finance Com.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. Goldwell wanted to know if any word had been received as yet from the P. R. or N. P. railway officials in reference to railway connections being made at Methuen.

NOTICE.

Ald. Goldwell that a by-law be introduced at next meeting amending the sound by-law by providing a fee for driving animals to the pound.

Ald. Goldwell that a by-law be introduced providing for the cutting of all branches of trees overhanging side walks to a height of 8 feet above the sidewalk.

MOTIONS.

Kelly—Christie—That the afternoon of the 10th of July be a public holiday as requested by the Farmers' Institute.—Carried.

Coldwell—Kelly—That Mr. Chambers be informed that upon his completing the piece of sidewalk on Rosser Ave. referred to by him to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and Board of Works committee and upon his procuring from Miller an order on the city for it he cannot get that then upon his assigning to the city his claim against Miller in connection with said piece of sidewalk, the city will pay him the proportion of cost of such walk agreed to be paid to Miller.—Carried.

Coldwell—Halpin—That the Chairman of Board of Works be instructed at once to proceed prepare the street bridge approach on south side by replanking the same.—Carried.

Coldwell—Kelly—That upon the report of the City Engineer the Chairman of Water Works and Sewers be instructed to at once to proceed with the construction of a sewer from 13th St. west on Rosser Ave. to 15th St.—Carried.

Christie—McIvride—That the account of Brown & Mitchell herewith attached for fire hose be paid amount \$20.00.

Fleming—Kelly—That Mrs. C. Calmer be paid the sum of \$25 being amount for ringing the fire bell.—Carried.

Kelly—Christie—That the v. to be Mayor in the matter of band grant be overruled.

Christie—Halpin—That the grant of the said be not paid unless on condition that the bandmaster Mr. Henneberg give his guarantee to the position for not less than 12 months further that Ald. Fleming act on behalf of the council on band committee.—Carried.

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